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KIND OF A BIG DEAL

Bloomington Ice Garden scored a big win this spring. BIG was the runner-up in the 2017 Kraft Hockeyville USA national contest, winning \$75,000 toward arena upgrades.

“We are so pleased to accept this prize on behalf of the Bloomington community,” Ice Garden Manager Bob Carr said. “The money will be used for planned renovations of the facility. This has been a great experience for everyone involved.”

BIG was chosen as one of 10 finalists out of 1,300 ice arenas around the country to compete in the Kraft Hockeyville contest. As community members voted to advance their favorite facilities, BIG moved on to the final four and then as one of two ice arenas to compete in the finals.

While the contest played out on the national stage, the support for BIG to be included in it was grassroots. In January, the Bloomington Amateur Hockey Association approached BIG staff to let them know parents and skaters were submitting essays to nominate them for the award.

The essays were required to describe the reasons the Bloomington community deserved to win. Nominations were also based on votes by the general public. Votes were submitted along with the essays from BIG parents and skaters. A few months later, staff was notified that BIG placed in the top 10 of all entrants.

The City and local news stations then spread the word about the BIG opportunity. Promotional videos on the City's Facebook and YouTube channels received more than 100,000 views and thousands of likes, comments and shares.

Opened in March 1970, BIG is the practice facility for Kennedy and Jefferson high school hockey teams and is home to a very successful figure skating program.

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FORWARD 2040

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FORWARD 2040: VISION AND VALUES READY FOR REVIEW

In an effort to describe the type of community Bloomington aspires to become between now and 2040, City staff prepared vision and value statements as part of the Forward 2040 comprehensive plan update. The vision and values are available for review on the Forward 2040 webpage and the public is invited to comment on them via an online survey. The survey will be open through August 31. Staff will consider input as they make final revisions. For more information about the Forward 2040 Plan and how to get involved, visit blm.mn/forward2040.

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE

The City has a new and improved bill-pay service that provides more options to pay your utility bill. With the new online service you can:

- Pay online with a credit card, debit card or e-check.
- Schedule payments for a future date.
- Save time and avoid late payments with AutoPay.
- Enroll in paperless billing to receive bills via email.
- Receive email notifications regarding your bill, due date and payment.
- Sign up to get text notifications and have the option to pay by text.

There's also a new automated phone payment line at 844-368-4567 where you can make payments or check your balance. Sign up or read more at blm.mn/utilitybillpay.





AT YOUR SERVICE

PIPE RANGERS

A team of five Public Works employees including Steve Nicholas, *above left*, and Ray Kemmer, *above right*, spend their days using cameras called pipe rangers to get ahead of the game and know whether a sewer pipe needs to be replaced before a major disruption happens.

The department has one truck dedicated to these diagnostics, giving residents the benefit of real-time information about the status of their lines, according to Utilities Supervisor Randy Poore.

The team operates these cameras from a control center in their truck. The pipe ranger cameras are attached to a 1000-foot cable and can be steered through sewer pipes using a Nintendo controller.

Staff surveys pipes daily and uses the cameras on Pavement Management Program project sites to address any issues before new roads are installed. The two pipe ranger cameras, weighing in at 40 pounds and 100 pounds, survey more than 200,000 linear feet of pipe each year.

MANAGE YOUR LAWN CLIPPINGS FOR CLEAR LAKES AND STREAMS

Keep lawn clippings out of the street to prevent them from washing through the storm drains to the nearest lake or creek. The nutrients in grass clippings cause algae growth in lakes. Point your mower so that clippings blow onto the lawn. Sweep up any clippings that land on the street. Branches, leaves and other debris can also cause street flooding during heavy downpours. Remove debris if you can, or contact Street Maintenance for big jobs or cleanup on busy streets.

SEALING CITY STREETS

This summer, more than 28 miles of Bloomington roads will get a fresh sealcoat. Streets are selected through the Public Works’ Pavement Management Program, which uses a database of all city streets to evaluate areas where maintenance is most needed. Improvements are general maintenance expenditures covered by the general fund. Sealcoating is expected to begin in June. A few reminders:

- No parking is allowed on streets that are being sealcoated. Signs will be posted 24 hours before scheduled maintenance.
- It is safe to drive on the sealcoat once it has been rolled and compacted.
- After the sealcoat is in place for 24 hours, street sweepers will collect excess rock.

ATTEND A HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINAR

The Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority will host three home improvement seminars this summer on Thursdays, June 1, July 13 and August 10, 7 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

June 1—Window Treatments, We’ve Got You Covered

Linda Batterson of Blind Attraction will show you how to improve the looks of your windows, increase energy efficiency and enhance your interior spaces with all sorts of window coverings.

July 13—Siding A – Z

Learn about the many siding options in today’s market, including vinyl, aluminum, steel, wood, and cement siding. Robert Davis of Window Outfitters, Inc. will cover it all.

August 10—Utilizing Smart Home Technology

Jon Pues of Sightline Technology will show you everything you need to know about the ins and outs of home technology from a plug-in light module all the way up to basic home automation.



HOUSEHOLD HELP FOR SENIORS


Attention seniors! Do you need help around the house? Senior Community Services offers affordable services designed to help you stay in your home, including home repairs, cleaning, running errands, mowing and small yard projects. Through the HOME program, SCS partners with the City to offer affordable help so you can stay in your home. For more information, call 952-746-4046 to get more info or visit seniorcommunity.org.

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Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.



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Austin, TX - June 1, 2016 - Circuit of the Americas: Leticia Bufoni during practice for Skateboard Park Women's at X Games Austin 2016.

EXTREME ENTERTAINMENT

For its debut in Minnesota, the X Games are coming to Mall of America on **Thursday, July 13**. X Games organizers chose MOA for its flat track racing event because it's "one of the top tourist destinations in the country." The races will feature high-performance motorcycles in close proximity at speeds of up to 130 miles per hour. ESPN will provide live coverage of the event. If you're interested in seeing a new side of South Loop, tickets for the flat track racing competition cost \$10 at www.xgames.com/tickets.

A RECIPE FOR FUN: BLOOMINGTON'S FARMERS MARKET

It's that time of year again! The Bloomington Farmers Market draws thousands of visitors each week and offers a chance to meet your local farmers. Visit the market on **Saturdays, June 10 - October 21**, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the east lot at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. For details, recipes and other fun facts, visit the Farmers Market's new Facebook page at [blm.mn/fbookfarmers](https://www.facebook.com/fbookfarmers).

DUST OFF YOUR CLUBS

There's no better place to get on top of your game than Bloomington's Dwan Golf Club, 110th Street and Xerxes Avenue, and Hyland Greens Golf and Learning Center, 10100 Normandale Boulevard. The courses are a bargain, offering thousands of yards of tree-lined fairways and a great place to practice your putting. With Dwan patron cards and Hyland Greens discount cards, residents and nonresidents can golf and save. Dwan patron cards are \$58 for senior residents, \$83 for residents, \$85 for nonresident seniors and \$100 for nonresidents. The Hyland frequent player card is \$40. The Hyland junior season pass is \$99 per year for golfers 17 years of age or younger. Call Dwan at 952-563-8702 or Hyland at 952-563-8868 to purchase a card or book a tee time. To stay up to date on Bloomington's latest golf news, follow the new Dwan and Hyland Facebook pages.

ATTENTION PRECINCT 17 VOTERS

The Precinct 17 polling place has changed for the 2017 elections. Peace Lutheran Church is being renovated and cannot be used as a polling place. The new polling place is Hyland Hills Ski Chalet, 8800 Chalet Road. A postcard will be mailed to every Precinct 17 registered voter in early July. If you've moved since the last election, the postcard will not be forwarded.

HEALTH AWARD RECIPIENT REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

In April, the Bloomington City Council and Advisory Board of Health presented the 2017 Health and Wellness Award to Lynn Lenort and the Health Cabinet of Christ the King Lutheran Church. Under Lenort's leadership, the Health Cabinet established a Community Health Initiative in 2014 with the goal to "help our community stay healthy."

Through this initiative they reach out to the community with nearly 20 routine opportunities for good health and wellness. The opportunities include nutrition, exercise, mental/social health and medical health. They hold weekly recovery meetings for all addictions, including alcohol, drugs, food and gambling.



DID YOU KNOW?

BREASTFEEDING AND THE WORKPLACE

Returning to work is the number one reason women fall short of reaching breastfeeding recommendations, according to a recent survey conducted by Bloomington Public Health. By law, all Minnesota businesses must provide time and a private room other than a bathroom for breastfeeding workers to pump. Public Health encourages women to discuss breastfeeding options with their employer before returning to work or even before their baby is born. Bloomington businesses that need help following the law can contact Public Health at 952-563-8900 for assistance.



BUILDING NEIGHBORHOOD UNITY

The 34th Annual National Night Out will take place on **Tuesday, August 1**, in neighborhoods around Bloomington. National Night Out is an opportunity for residents to send a powerful message about neighborhood unity, awareness, safety and police-community partnerships. For more information or to register a party, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Katie Chase at 952-563-8808 or visit blm.mn/nno.



BOOK'EM IS BACK

The Bloomington Crime Prevention Association will hold Book'Em, the upper Midwest's largest used book sale, **June 3 – 17**, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Saturday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., at 1150 West 78th Street, Richfield. A preview sale is scheduled Friday, June 2, 5 – 9 p.m. Funds generated are awarded as grants to Bloomington organizations for crime prevention activities. Admission to the preview sae is \$10 per person over 12 years of age or free with BCPA member card.

THINK DIFFERENTLY

Join the Human Rights Commission and inclusionist Ellie Krug for a two-part presentation on inclusivity and personal perspective building, **Tuesday, June 20**, 5:30 p.m., at the Schneider Theater, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. This free community event is for anyone who wants to explore living in a more inclusive world. For more information or to register visit blm.mn/thinkdiff.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

To receive emergency alerts about natural disasters, flooding, gas leaks, police activities and more, sign up for Citizen Alert on the City's website at blm.mn/citizenalert.

ARTS IN THE PARKS

Make it a summer to remember. Head over to your local Bloomington parks for the best in music, dance, food, film and family-friendly entertainment. For more information, or in the case of inclement weather, call Bloomington Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8878. To learn more, visit the City's website at blm.mn/aip.

NORMANDALE LAKE PERFORMANCE SERIES

The sounds of summer echo throughout the Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road, with the Twin Cities' most sought after musicians and bands. **Shows begin at 7 p.m.** and are free to the public. Bring your appetite! You'll find a variety of food and drink options at the events marked with fork and spoon icons.

TUE
June
13

Bloomington Choral

Local musicians will fill the park with the sound of high-quality, classic choral music.

THUR
June
15

Celtic Solstice



Brass Lassie performs extraordinary arrangements of Scottish, Irish and French music featuring fiddles, flutes, pipes, vocals and some step dancing.

TUE
June
20

Continental Ballet

Continental Ballet Company's mission is to enrich the community by preserving the art of classical ballet.

THUR
June
22

Classic Rock Bash



The **Tuxedo Band** features high-energy performances of classic and contemporary rock, country and pop music.

TUE
June
27

Eden Prairie Community Band

Organized in 1973, this group of musicians plays a variety of styles.

THUR
June
29

British Invasion



Playing retro dance music from the '60s and early '70s, **Revolver & The Secret Agents** is a British Invasion-style dance band with an American twist!

THUR
July
6

Suburban Country



With a blend of country, rock, blues and folk, **Maiden Dixie** guarantees a fun live performance that's sure to get you dancing.

TUE
July
11

The Rockin' Hollywoods

Audiences of all ages will love these classic rock sounds of the '50s through the '80s.

THUR
July
13

'80s Music Explosion



A **Time Machine** show is a highly energetic party with songs that are recognizable and are meant to pack the dance floor.

TUE
July
18

Bloomington Medalist Band

Established in 1968, the group is one of the finest community bands in the region.

THUR
July
20

Sing, Sing, Swing!



These live big band sounds, featuring the Minnesota Jazz Orchestra, are so real, gutsy and smooth, you'll want to dance all night long!

TUE
July
25

Steve Clarke and the Working Stiffs

Specializing in classic big band and crooner sounds, this group is headlined by the six-time Minnesota Music Award Horn Player of the Year.

THUR
July
27

Latin Music Night



Everyone has to dance to **Salsa del Sol's** swaying sounds from all over the Caribbean!

TUE
August
1

BOB! The Music of Dylan

Bringing to life one of Minnesota's greatest artists and Nobel Prize Winner!

THUR
August
3

Blues and Bar-B-Q



With smooth vocals and guitar playing, the **Groove Merchants** continue their longtime tradition of great blues shows that impress all audiences.

TUE
August
8

Richfield Symphonic Band

This band has been sharing the magic of making music with its members and the public since 1979.

THUR
August
10

Classical Music Night



Founded in 1963, the **Bloomington Symphony Orchestra** is one of Minnesota's premier community orchestras.

SUMMER FETE IS BACK!



Bloomington's annual Independence Day celebration is scheduled for **Monday, July 3, 5 p.m.**, at Normandale Lake Park, 84th Street and Normandale Boulevard. This year, the main stage entertainment features Pop ROCKS and the Bloomington Medalist Band. The 84th Street Kid's Stage will once again feature several performers who are fun for the whole family. Fireworks will begin at dusk. To learn more, visit the City's website at blm.mn/summer-fete.

MONDAY MORNING KIDS' SERIES

Wake up to Mondays at Moir Park! Bring your families and friends out on select Monday mornings throughout the summer to enjoy music, dancing and lots of fun beginning at 10:30 a.m.

June 12—Minnesota Zoomobile

June 19—Mike Monson

June 26—Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam

July 10—Jack and Kitty Show

July 17—Kid Power with Rachel Kroog

July 24—Tricia and the Toonies

July 31—Bob the Beachcomber

August 7—Dazzling Dave

MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Moonlight Movies Series kicks off at

Red Haddock Field, 9000 Portland Avenue South, before moving to Normandale Lake Park, 5901 West 84th Street. There is also a new Sweetheart Saturday

series at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a movie under the stars on our 30-foot screen. Shows begin at 9 p.m. Popcorn and water will be available for purchase.

June 10—Angels in the Outfield (Red Haddock Field)

June 16—Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

June 23—The Jungle Book (2016)

June 30—Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

July 7—Captain America: Civil War

July 8—Saturday Sweetheart series: The Princess Bride (Civic Plaza)

July 14—Finding Dory

July 15—Saturday Sweetheart series: Sleepless in Seattle (Civic Plaza)

July 21—Zootopia

July 22—Saturday Sweetheart series: Hitch (Civic Plaza)

July 28—Sing

August 4—The Secret Life of Pets

August 11—Ghostbusters (2016)

BUILDING SANDCASTLES

Grab your buckets and shovels and head to the annual sandcastle competition for some creative fun in the sun on **Sunday, June 25, 12 – 3 p.m.**, at Bush Lake Beach. The event will also feature a dance-off and many other fun activities for beach goers.

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA BAND

The John Phillip Sousa Band will perform patriotic classics, **Sunday, June 18, 7 p.m.**, at the Gideon Pond House, Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 East 104th Street.